

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-4, currently withdrawn from consideration, are cancelled.

The remaining claims 1 and 5-10 are allowed.

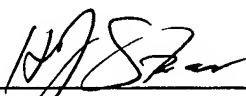
Accordingly, there being no other objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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